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A Submarine Triumph.

The safe arrival of a German submarine at an American port, carrying a crew of twenty-nine men and one thousand tons of cargo, after coming thousands of miles under the seas, must rank as one of the great achievements of the century and as one of the greatest triumphs of inventive genius. The submarine, which carried a message from the kaiser to President Wilson, left German waters June 23, so that it consumed only two weeks in making the strange voyage under the Atlantic. The mind can hardly grasp the first blush what such a feat means. Even presuming that the submarine rose occasionally to the surface to get its bearings, it must have gone hundreds of miles at a time, steering and navigating through the darkness of the deep.

Cases where submarines have successfully ventured four or five hundred miles from their bases have been noted several times, and some are reported to have gone a thousand miles, but the present journey of 4,000 miles establishing a new record for which other nations must strive. It is only five or six years ago that the submarine was in its experimental stage, and naval experts were inclined to scoff at the idea that it would become a formidable factor in maritime warfare. But the world has seen the U-boat advance to new stages of success, and what Germany has accomplished with it in the present war is surely achievement enough for a naval agency that is yet in its infancy. Shut off from the seas with every other means of transportation by the British blockade, the submarine has become Germany's sole reliance, and if the remarkable feat which one of her U boats has just accomplished can be duplicated on an extensive scale, the failure of her merchant fleets to ply the ocean may be compensated in some measure. Whether or not the submarine is a successful operator in big naval battles has yet to be determined, but we doubt not that when the final test does come, the undersea boat will not be without its record of destruction achieved. The history of the last two years has shown very conclusively that it can attack and inflict severe damage on enemy ships without even being seen, and as a destroyer of merchant shipping it has proven most effective. In fact, the accomplishments of the submarine, since it was brought near perfection, have been such as to warrant the belief of many experts that the naval powers of future generations must find in it a tower of strength.

Meanwhile all the world will justly applaud Germany's marvelous achievement, and all man kind will pay well-earned tribute to that phenomenal German enterprise which was literally conquered the terrors of the deep. —Asheville Citizen.

Many Women Need Help.

Women are as much inclined to kidney troubles as men, but too often make the mistake of thinking that a certain amount of pain and torture is their lot and cannot be avoided. Foley Kidney Pills give quick relief from backache, pains in sides and muscles, stiff, sore, aching joints, and bladder ailments. M. B. Blackburn.

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Which she had named the Rocket;
And when she wasn't driving it,
She packed it in her pocket.
—New York Times.

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Alfalfa Growing in Wilkes.

The growth of alfalfa is still an infant industry in the State of Wilkes, but so profitable has this industry proved to the few who have engaged in it that it seems inevitable that more of our farmers will soon follow the example of those who have tried it. Mr. D. E. Smoak, who was among the first to undertake the culture of alfalfa, and who has a thriving field of it now in its second year, is very enthusiastic over its record so far and has given us the following interesting figures:

The field comprises 11.2 acres. He has already made two cuttings this year and expects to get three more during the season. The second cutting made 3,887 pounds of hay, which he sold for \$46.58. Allowing \$5.00 for the cost of cutting, raking, hauling, etc., we find a clear profit of \$41.58 per acre and a half from one cutting. Now suppose that the five cuttings average so much each (and the second cutting would naturally be about the average) the total crop from the 11.2 acres would represent a profit of \$207.90. This is a profit of \$138.60 per acre, which represents the interest at 6 percent on \$2,310.00.

Mr. Smoak has recently returned from a trip to Watauga county. He was much interested in the sheep-raising industry of that county. Dr. Little, of Boone, N. C., who for some years has been engaged in sheep raising, told him something of the immense profit and small labor of this industry. Since he has counted the profit from his little alfalfa field, however, he feels inclined to challenge the sheep-raisers of Watauga to show a larger gain from an equal investment. —North Wilkesboro Hustler.

[Since Mr. Smoak, through the Hustler, has put in the banter, The Democrat comes to the bat in favor of the sheep industry in Watauga, and to clinch the contention, we give below the profits that accrued to one of our farmers from a small flock of sheep this season, and we are sure that the reading public will decide in favor of Watauga and her sheep industry. Mr. Thomas Greer, of Blowing Rock, R. F. D., from a flock of 19 ewes sold lambs and wool to the amount of \$350.00, and still owns the unbroken flock of 19 mother sheep. Just what the ewes would bring on the market, we have no idea, but the money received for the clip and lambs would pay the owner 6 percent interest on an investment of \$5,833. This is only one instance, showing the immense profit in sheep-raising in Watauga. Wilkes is to be congratulated on her alfalfa, but she is taking in too much territory when she throws down the gauntlet to the sheep-raisers of the mountains.] —Democrat.

This from the Johnson County News: Haynes Hayworth was down from Trade Tuesday and informed us of an unfortunate accident that occurred nearby Sunday, when Bon Arnold was accidentally shot by Robert Michael, the weapon discharged being a pistol. The wounded boy only survived a few hours.

The Final Word.

Washington Post.
Greater shells, larger Zeppelins, monster supersubmarines as long as a city block, concentrated gunfire that obliterates the trenches and buries the soldiers alive each and all of these are being announced as "the last word in scientific warfare."

Perhaps the judgement is correct. So much in the way of so-called improved has already been about, however, that it is feared the critics fall short of the true optimistic heights. At present a torpedo occasionally misses, thereby indicating that the extreme point of destructive efficiency is yet to be reached. Surely, the one invented by a young American that can be controlled by wireless throughout a journey of indefinite length, that can be deflected to right or left or even be made to turn around and come back, will mark a still further stride forward.

Doubtless such things must be. The thought that enlarged powers of destructiveness would end war has been largely discarded from men's minds, in view of the history of the present European struggle. These have not even made the contest more brief. Under changed conditions the "wearing down" process appears the sole resource, once the brisk offensive fails.

But there are other last words of more cheering import. We learn of remarkable progress in the making of artificial limbs. Fragments of men are using wooden and steel hands and are skipping and jumping on legs other than those nature gave them. Best of all is the discovery of a radium screen by a Pittsburgh inventor, through the use of which he hopes to make the blind see.

In the announcement of the "final word," the whole world, belligerents as well as neutrals can join in the hope that the dreams of the Pittsburgh inventor will have its place.

Progressives to Gather in Chicago.

New York Dispatch July 12.
A conference of representative Progressives from all parts of the country soon will be held in Chicago, it was announced here today by Bainbridge Colby to consider "the widespread and bitter revolt within the country" against the action of the national committee in endorsing Charles E. Hughes, the Republican nominee for the presidency. The date will be decided upon in a few days. Mr. Colby said the conference would be national in scope, although all States might not be represented.

Mr. Colby, who placed Theodore Roosevelt in nomination at the national Progressive convention at Chicago, said he had letters from every quarter of the country protesting against what he characterized as "the Perkins-Flinn program." This program, he added, "does not represent the thought or feeling of the rank and file of the party."

Mr. Colby made public a letter he had received from John M. Parker of Louisiana, the Progressive nominee for vice president, in which Mr. Parker referred to the "star chamber" proceedings of the national committee, adding:

"An enormous number of voters will never submit to such treatment and I believe that unless we consider the millions of wage earners who were deeply interested in and believed in the reforms and betterment for the people, which we have steadfastly stood for, we will sooth public sentiment that we may see an overwhelming wave of protest, threatening anything pertaining to an independent move for the next generation."

"I am confident we could have an immediate and representative gathering meet in Chicago and I earnestly appeal to the Progressives all over the country to send delegates."

Mr. Parker's letter was written before Mr. Colby had called a conference.

Mrs. Louisa Clark Passes Away.

Rev. I. W. Thomas in Lenoir Topic.
Sister Clarke, maiden name McGhee, and widow of the late Joseph B. Clarke, of Blowing Rock, was born Jan. 14, 1835, and died at the home of F. P. Moore in Globe, July 4, aged 81 years, 5 months and 20 days. She professed faith in Christ in 1866 and united with Lower Creek Baptist church during the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Powell. Later she moved her membership to Flat Top church, Watauga county, and still later became a constituent member of the Blowing Rock Baptist church, of which she was a member at the time of her death. Sister Clarke was first married to Nathan Hartley and after his death, she was married to Joe B. Clarke. She was a good woman, a good neighbor, kind and helpful to the poor, sick and afflicted people about her, and was loyal to her Savior and her church. She was strictly honest and a very industrious woman. Last November she got a fall from which she never recovered. She was buried in the Clarke graveyard a mile north of town beside her last husband, Joseph B. Clarke, on the 5th inst in the presence of sorrowing relatives and sympathizing friends. "Precious in the sight of Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15.

Calvin Cowles a Suicide.

Lenoir Topic.
Calvin H. Cowles ended his own life at the Cowles home. "Clover Hill," in Yadkin Valley yesterday morning, a shot gun being the agency employed in accomplishing the tragic act.

The tragedy occurred in the home some time during the forenoon while deceased was alone, his three brothers being out on the farm at the time. At the noon hour, when deceased failed to respond to a call to dinner, a brother went up stairs and found his lifeless body lying on the floor of his room. An open razor was by his side, two gashes in his neck, a shot gun lying across his body and the entire top of his head blown off.

Sheriff Triplett and Coroner Austin were immediately called to the scene, but it was a clear case of suicide and no inquest was held. A note in handwriting of deceased was left in the room reading as follows: "Joe, I can't stand it any longer. I'm going to commit suicide. Calvin." He gave no reason for his rash act.

The evidence showed that deceased tried to end his life with a razor, but was unsuccessful. A shot gun was then used and the whole load emptied into his forehead.

The remains were buried this afternoon at four o'clock in the cemetery at Chapel of Rest. Deceased was about 40 years of age and was never married. He was a son of the late Mrs. Amelia Cowles, who died about a year ago. The following brothers and sisters survive: James, Arthur and Joe Cowles, all of whom lived at the old home, in Yadkin Valley; Mrs. Chas. Hartley, of Elkville; Mrs. Eugene Ballew, of Asheville; Mrs. Lloyd Steele of Lenoir.

A Former Watauga Lady Writes.

Editor Democrat: I received a copy of your paper recently and enjoyed it so much that I am sending herewith my subscription for one year. Having been away from Watauga now past ten years, we still love to hear all the good news and prosperous work of our native State.

We think Washington is a fine farming state. We are located on a farm near Colfax, a very thriving

town of about thirty-five hundred population. It has several churches of various denominations; good schools and is surrounded by a good farming country, which makes it prosperous. We had a very late spring here, although crops are looking fine, and prospects for a good harvest were never better. Mr. Sherwood has about five hundred acres of wheat and oats to harvest. We like farming, and think this an ideal place to rear our boys. We now have with us several North Carolina boys, two of whom, James Sherwood and Jack Bingham, of Cove Creek, came out last spring.

I shall now look forward to the coming of your paper each week with much pleasure. With best wishes to your paper and my many friends in Watauga, I am,

Respectfully,
Mrs. C. S. SHERWOOD.
Colfax, Washington.

BANK STATEMENT.

Following is a report of the condition of the bank of Blowing Rock at Blowing Rock in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business June 30, 1916:

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$51,137.47
Overdrafts unsecured	127.53
Banking house and lot	2,750.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,298.00
All other real estate owned	190.34
Due from national banks	2,101.78
Due from b'ks and b'krs	10,388.83
Cash items	533.36
Gold coin	1,805.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency,	161.91
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	1,250.00
Total	\$71,744.22

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$16,000.00
Surplus Fund	900.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	281.75
Bills payable	10,000.00
Deposits subject to check	20,775.58
Time certificates of deposit	23,253.09
Cashier's checks outstanding	533.80
Total	71,744.22

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: I, G. M. Sudderth, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. M. SUDDERTH, Cashier.
Correct—Attest: W. C. Lentz,
J. A. Lentz, J. D. Brown Directors
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July 1916.
S. T. ICENHOUR, J. P.

BANK REPORT.

Following is the report of the condition of Valle Crucis Bank at Valle Crucis, in the state of North Carolina at the close of business June 30, 1916:

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$23,840.89
Overdrafts Secured	190.00
Overdrafts Unsecured	49.88
Furniture and Fixtures	1,354.82
Banking House	1,000.00
Deposits subject to check	13,177.02
Due from National banks	7,066.97
Due from Banks and b'krs	1,303.08
Gold coin	10.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	42.46
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	380.00
Total	\$36,418.61

LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	10,000
Undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid	370.39
Notes and Bills rediscounted	1,500.00
Bills Payable	5,000.00
Deposits subject to check	13,177.02
Time certificates of deposit	4,977.62
Savings Deposits	890.16
Cashier's checks outstanding	57.63
Total	35,418.51

State of North Carolina, County of Watauga ss: I, L. M. Farthing, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. M. FARTHING, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
H. B. PERRY
SARAH G. WAGNER
D. F. MAST
Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July 1916.
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